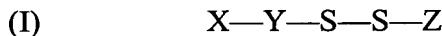


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-75 (canceled).

76 (New) A lipid compound and salts and hydrates thereof having the formula (I):



wherein X is R₂—Q;

Q is -(C=O);

R₂ is a steroid;

Y is -NH—(CH₂)₂—NH—C(=NH₂⁺)—(CH₂)₃—;

Z is alkyl substituted with a targeting molecule attached via a linking group;

provided that at a physiological pH, X and Y together have a net positive charge and

Z has a net negative charge.

77 (New). The compound of claim 76 wherein R₂ is cholesterol.

78 (New). A lipid compound according to claim 76 having the formula:

